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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week was warm and dry in Nebraska. The weather was cold on Monday and Tuesday with the first below zero reading of the year being reported as minus three degrees at Agate on Monday morning. It was very warm Wednesday through Sunday, with averages for the week ranging from three to eight degrees above normal.

CROPS Light precipitation and wet fields continued to hamper fall harvesting operations. Farmers are getting stuck in fields with both machines and trucks. Portions of some fields cannot be harvested until the ground dries or freezes.

Corn harvest made some progress but moisture content of the grain is too high for safe storage. About 82 percent of the crop is harvested compared to 92 percent normal. Moisture content of grain being harvested now averages about 19 percent.

Sorghum combining is nearing completion with 95 percent out of the field. This is slightly behind the normal 98 percent. Moisture content of the grain is about 15 percent, down from last week but wetter than it was earlier in the month. Farmers are fencing both corn and sorghum fields soon after harvest so that livestock can start grazing. Fall tillage operations are quite limited by wet field conditions.

Wheat condition is mostly good to excellent. The soils are dry in portions of the southwest but well developed root systems have penetrated the subsoil, and moisture in the subsoil is carrying the crop. Some leaf rust has been reported. Farmers are pasturing wheat as field conditions permit.

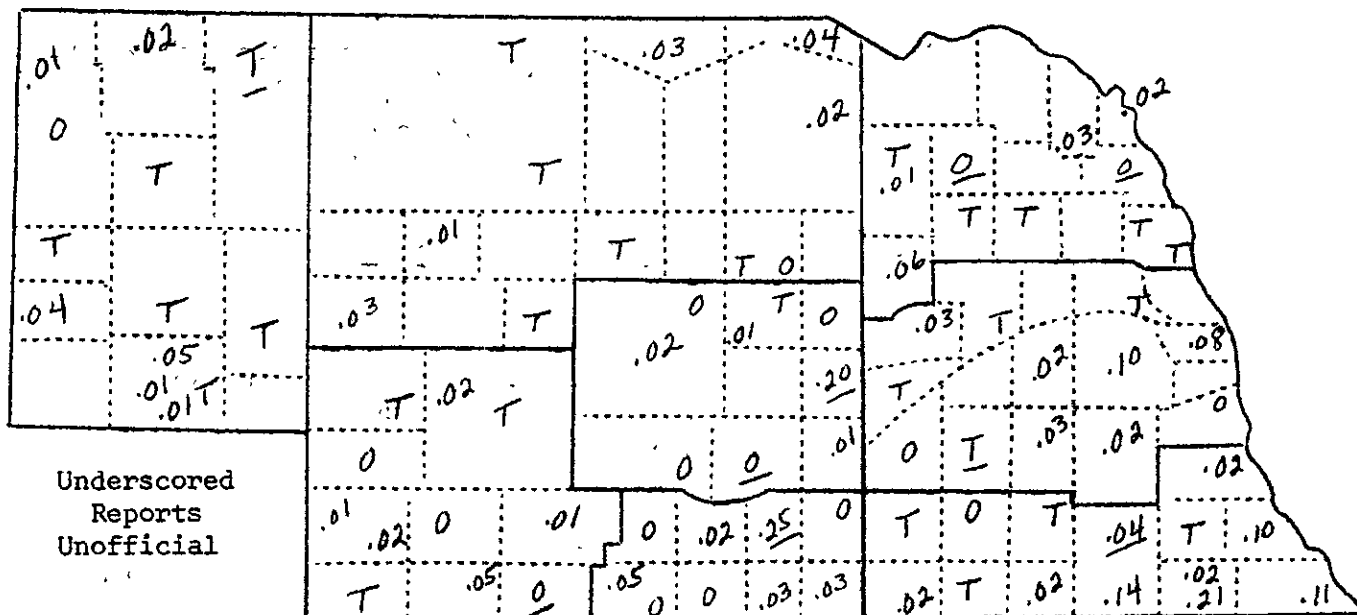
Range and pasture feed conditions are below average in portions of the northeast and southwest. Intermittent moisture has kept most winter grasses soft and palatable. Feed grain, hay and forage supplies are below average in portions of the northeast and southwest. Supplemental feeding and some marketing of livestock have been necessary in these areas.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is generally good. Stocker and feeder cattle continued in demand. Feed lots were starting to dry at the close of the week.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	O	Burwell	T	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	T			Sidney	T
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		November		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	40	25	47	26	68	28	65	33	65	35	54	26	47	33		
	Scottsbluff	42	30	50	22	63	33	62	27	64	33	53	21	45	29		
	Sidney	39	22	45	25	62	34	64	22	67	34	53	21	48	21		
NC	Burwell	32	14	37	17	63	31	61	26	68	31	54	23	51	--		
	Valentine	25	9	36	22	61	32	60	34	63	33	53	28	49	33		
NE	Norfolk	30	23	31	16	56	33	60	30	62	35	53	28	52	30		
	Sioux City	30	24	29	15	50	27	59	30	63	33	54	28	52	30		
CEN	Grand Island	35	15	35	20	59	33	62	28	68	35	57	28	53	32		
EC	Lincoln	34	22	35	21	52	39	62	32	67	41	57	35	54	35		
	Omaha	34	26	30	16	47	34	62	35	66	38	56	29	52	33		
SW	Imperial	38	18	40	22	65	32	62	26	73	41	54	25	52	29		
	North Platte	36	14	37	18	62	25	62	24	69	27	55	20	52	31		

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